## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION

Case No.: 22-cv-20712-RKA

Plaintiff,

v.

CI INTERNATIONAL FUELS LLC,

Defendant.	

## JOINT MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR VIA REMOTE CONFERENCING <u>AT THE APRIL 16, 2024 STATUS CONFERENCE</u>

Plaintiff Peninsula Petroleum Limited ("Peninsula") and Defendant CI International Fuels LLC ("CI Int'l") files this Joint Motion for Permission to Appear Via Remote Conference at the April 16, 2024 Status Conference and, in support, thereof states as follows:

## I. Statement of Material Facts

- 1. This is a debt recovery action following the sale of marine fuel.
- 2. On July 3, 2024, the Court closed the case for administrative purposes pending resolution of Defendant's challenge to the Court's subject matter jurisdiction. *See* Order [ECF. No. 84]
- 3. On April 8, 2024, the Court set the parties for a status conference to be held on April 16, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Miami Division, Courtroom 12-4. *See* Notice of Hearing, [ECF No. 109]. The parties will discuss subject matter jurisdiction at the status conference. *Id.*
- 4. Peninsula's national counsel, Joseph Johnson, Esq., is serving as Peninsula's lead counsel in this action and is admitted *pro hac vice*. *See* Order Granting Motion to Appear *Pro Hac Vice*, [ECF No. 9].

5. Mr. Johnson prepared the briefing and discovery on subject matter jurisdiction and

can best address the subject matter jurisdiction issues.

6. However, Mr. Johnson is located in Albany, New York and his in-person

attendance will require Peninsula to incur significant travel expenses and legal fees. Further,

undersigned local counsel will be out-of-town during the April 16, 2024 status conference.

7. Undersigned counsel met and conferred with Defendant's counsel, Lori Dilican,

Esq., who advised that she too requests leave to attend the status conference via remote

conferencing.

8. In the interest of efficiency and avoidance of additional costs, the parties

respectfully request the parties be permitted to attend the status conference via remote

conferencing.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1(a)(3)

The undersigned counsel certifies that, on April 9, 2024, he conferred in good faith with

Defendant's counsel, Lori Dilican, Esq., in an effort to resolve the issues raised in the Motion and

Ms. Dilican confirmed that she also requests leave to attend the April 16, 2024 status conference

via remote conferencing.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the parties respectfully request leave to appear via remote

conferencing at the April 16, 2024 status conference.

Dated: April 10, 2024

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 10, 2024 I electronically filed this document using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will automatically serve a copy on all counsel of record.

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